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[Despatch Abstract.]

G.O.NO.2570/28-6-50 POSTWAR DEVELOPMENT - FOREST - SCHEME FOR SYSTAMATIC MAKING PLANTATION OF SOFTWOODS - PAPERS RECORDED.

NOTE FILE

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Please see the letter from the c.c.f. on pp. 43-44 c.f.

The file relates to Scheme No.77 in the Five year plan of Postwar Reconstruction regarding plantation of softwood species. In October 1945, the Govt. appointed a special officer to select suitable areas for raising the plantations. After detailed investigation, the special officer proposed the purchase of some 68,000 acres of land in the Malabar Dt. The C.C.F did not support the proposal as he considered that the Forest Dept. did not possess sufficient knowledge about the successful raising of soft wood plantations but was only experimenting on the various species,

A conference of match and plywood manufacturers was held in Ooty in May 1948 and it was suggested at this conference that in order to meet the long term requirements of the industry, a private company might be started for taking up lands on lease and cultivating softwoods thereon. The C.C.F. who was consulted in the matter stated that the entire responsibility for the raising of softwood plantations should be taken over by Govt. which implied a detailed investigation of the areas available for the purpose in the Reserved Forests. It was then considered that the working plans should contain sufficient details from which the necessary data could be collected, and that there was no need for a separate investigation. In the Memo. on p. 37 c.f. the C.C.F. was accordingly asked to re-examine the question.

In this connection it may be stated that the Govt. of India have pointed out that there is a shortage of suitable match timber for the last decade or so and that in order to meet the situation, State Govts. should systamatise the exploitation of matchwood in Indian forests, and arrange

adequate supplies of matchwood by extensive plantation of soft wood species.

In his letter on p.. 43-44 c f. the C.C.F. says that the working plans for the forest divisions were prepared long before the demand for softwoods arose. The demand for these woods is at present confined to a few species and these are being supplied from the reserved forests at negotiated rates. The C.C.F. is of the view that such planatations can be successfully raised only in the West Coast, but even here, the experiments so far made have not yielded conclusive results. However, they are being continued. The working plans that were latterly prepared and that are under preparation contain provision for the regeneration of soft wood species. In the light of the experience gained from the experiments, every effort will be made to expand the area under soft wood. The C.C.F. is against any mechanical or large scale attempts in this direction, as they may only result in wasteful expenditure. He also considers that the special investigation to select suitable areas in reserved forests for growing soft wood is not necessary. For orders whether the C.C's view may be accepted. Subject to orders, a draft reply to the Govt. of India on the lines of the C.C's recommendation is submitted, for approval.

After issue, the papers may be recorded with the C.B. entry against 1-7-51 when the C.C.F. may be asked to submit a further report in the matter.

Sd/- P.S.V.
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